

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 71042

Date: December 27, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Applicant(s): Lewis et al.

) CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Application No.:

) "Express Mail" Mailing Label Number

Filed: HEREWITH

) EL 821497018 US

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING  
AND HANDLING BULK QUANTITIES OF BULK FEED

) Date of Deposit December 27, 2001  
) I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being  
) deposited with the United States Postal Service  
) "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service  
) under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and  
) is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and  
) Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Group Art Unit:

) Ed Price

Examiner:

) (Typed or printed name of person mailing)

) Ed Price  
) (Signature of person mailing)

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (3)**

Applicant(s) hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant(s) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicant(s) do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

December 27, 2001

(Date)

Timothy E. Levstik  
Registration No. 30,192

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY  
Suite 1600  
120 South LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406  
Telephone: (312) 577-7000  
Facsimile: (312) 577-7007